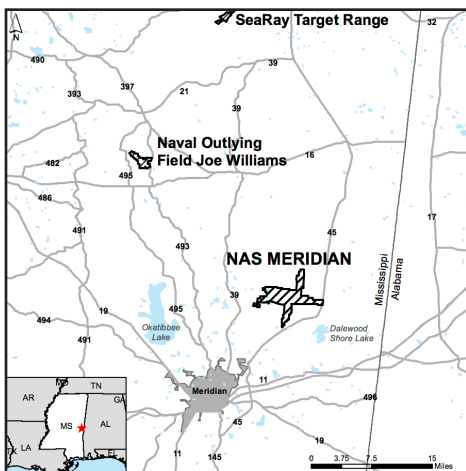




NAVAL AIR STATION MERIDIAN

Naval Air Station (NAS) Meridian is one of the Navy's two newest premier air installations, and one of just two DOD locations providing intermediate and advanced jet training for carrier operations.

As the Navy's largest air station, NAS Meridian was specifically designed for jet aircraft rather than propeller planes. The main station is located a short distance from the Meridian Complex's military operations area airspace, target range, and outlying field to maximize training time and fuel efficiency.



Supporting NAS Meridian's mission is an unconstrained training environment, where minimal noise conflicts allow jets to practice intensive carrier landings until midnight during frequent carrier qualification training. The rural lands around the air station allow NAS Meridian to support over 191,000 flight operations a year while training 150 student aviators. Easements on these rural lands along the installation boundary and in high noise areas will permanently protect this important Navy capability.

Meanwhile, NAS Meridian is working with Lauderdale and Kemper Counties to develop new airport zoning ordinances. To further protect the military mission, the installation is developing a Joint Land Use Study with the aforementioned counties, the city of Meridian, and the town of Marion. Together, these partnerships will ensure the viability of a key economic driver in the Meridian and Lauderdale county regions.

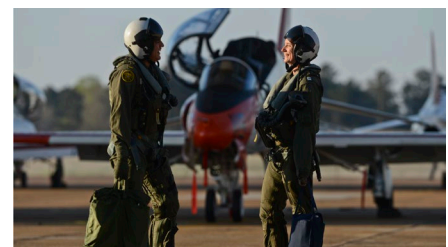
BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Preserves forest land and water resources
- Sustains the economic viability of local communities
- Supports local coordinated planning efforts

MILITARY

- Protects initial aviation training that generates significant amounts of noise
- Improves operational safety
- Avoids the use of less realistic workarounds or restrictions on training



As one of two Navy jet strike pilot training facilities, NAS Meridian hosts Training Air Wing-1 and the T-45 Goshawk (top), used to train Navy and Marine Corps student aviators (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Kemper County
- Kings County
- Lauderdale County
- Mississippi Development Authority
- State of Mississippi
- Sequoia River Lands Trust
- Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
- West Hills Community College District

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FAST FACTS FROM FY 2018 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	31	2,620	\$2.0 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding